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Jacob Slaven of Travelers repose was a 1st cousin of my great grandfather, Reuben Slaven. My grandfather T. H. S. is about 3rd cousin of yours. John Slaven of Tyrone Ireland, married Mary Stuart of Scotland- We are direct decedents though several generations remote. My Cousin Annie Campbell's mother was one of the Travelers repose Slaven's and married her 3rd cousin- Uncle Jessie Slaven so she and her family are nearer to you than we are. Jacob Slaven was her grand father on Grandmothers side and Grand fathers ~~xixxxx~~ Rubin on Uncle Jessies side.

My fathers sister who is in Monterey now with her brother H. F. Slaven who is rather ill, sent me this information thinking it might be of interest to you. Maybe we will discover that we are closely related.

Margaret Slaven
(A Monterey Slaven)

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"IN THE HEART OF THE BILLION DOLLAR COAL FIELD" West Virginia, Wednesday Afternoon, Oct. 30, 1913

Memorial held for L. Slaven

An hour-long memorial service in the courtroom of the Mingo County Circuit Court Thursday evening paid tribute to the late Lester Slaven, who was the Dean of the Mingo County Bar when he died last March 18 at the age of 62.

Circuit Judge Robert J. Waker and 14 members of the Mingo County Bar Association offered individual tributes, in Slaven after the association had presented a resolution it had adopted in memory of the prominently known lawyer.

Present for the honoring of Slaven were Slaven's three daughters—Mrs. Phal H. Margaret (Landa) and Mrs. Carl (Katherine) Lewis, both of Columbus Ohio and Mrs. James H. Hayes, Davis of Huntington Ala. Their husbands and children, close friends of the family and other prominent townsfolk attended the

service. The ceremony was held in the courtroom of the county bar association, located at the corner of Liberty and 9th streets, at 8 o'clock.

The resolution derived from the

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present a resolution with a number for adoption. After introducing Slaven's daughter and families, he called upon J. Brook Lawson Sr., a practicing attorney for 43 years, to read the resolution. Copies of the resolution were to be delivered to the three daughters and to Slaven's brother, Capt. F. W. Slaven, U. S. Navy, retired, in addition to being spread upon the wall of the Court of the circuit court.

Slaven practiced law in Williamson for nearly 40 years. He was actively involved with the history, development and progress of the Tug Valley area and was one of its most prominent citizens. A native of Leasburg Greenbrier County, he received his Bachelor of Laws, magna cum laude from the University of Virginia in 1874 and obtained membership in Phi Beta Kappa and Order of the Coif.

He had served as president of the Mingo County Bar on several occasions and was a president of the West Virginia Bar Association. The resolution noted that "from the day of his admission to the Bar until his farthest retirement on Dec. 21, 1892, he was an energetic, tireless, fearless, sound and able attorney. The practice of his profession was always with honor and good spirit; he was known widely as an able and ethical lawyer with ex-

cellent practice in State and Federal Courts and Appellate Courts, including the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

The resolution followed upon a message and a eulogy after having been there nearly half an hour. Slaven was born in a Mingo County town and held his prominent identity as an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in which he served as Deacon, Elder and Trustee. He was Elder Finleyson at the time of death.

Last Slaven was always ready and willing to render uncompensated service and he brought honor to our profession by reason of his sterling character and conspicuously ethical conduct. The resolution continued "We his brethren at the Bar shall always remember him and cherish the noble and life spirit that he exemplified. Rare was the occasion that he would utter a harsh or unkind word about a mother and he practiced a philosophy that we should all follow and that is "If you can't say something good about your fellow man remain silent."

Starting with remarks by Lawson each of the attorneys offered comments in praise of the late attorney's ability, industry, honesty, integrity, willingness and cooperation. Banc Gros Staker, now of Kernit a former law partner of Slaven described him as "the most remarkable lawyer I ever knew" and added that he agreed with his brother Slaven's opinion that if there was a Hall of Fame for lawyers, Slaven ought to be in it.